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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of the present response, claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1-3 and 7-11 are withdrawn from consideration as directed to non-elected inventions. Claims 4-6 are presented for examination.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group III, claims 4-6, directed to methods for diagnosing diabetes, without traverse.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, examination at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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